

Sheldon House
Chicago, Illinois
Cook Co.

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SHELDON HOUSE
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Very little definite information can be obtained relative to this small frame dwelling. One deed recorded in 1844 from the Estate of John Green to Daniel H. Sheldon mentions a sale price of \$61.00. A further record dated 1856 conveys the property to John Mehegan for a consideration of \$5000. It is fairly evident, therefore, that the house was erected between these dates.

The great Chicago fire of 1871 did not reach this block.

Based upon a study of the plan in the light of other houses of the middle of the 19th Century, it is probable either that the entire rear section is of a date somewhat later than the original building, or at least it has been considerably remodeled as to layout.

The living room fire-place is "mid-Victorian" and the plumbing and wiring is, of course, modern. There is no heating plant.

The building is now used as a tenement, housing four families.

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Approved

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